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Pat Quinn
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May 13, 2011

Dr. Jane Lubchenco
Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and
NOAA Administrator
1401 Constitution Avenue,
NW Room 5128
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Dr. Lubchenco:

As you are aware, the State of Illinois wishes to join the National Coastal Zone Management Program (CZM). Illinois has seen significant improvements to its shoreline in the last 30 years, but our coast is showing signs of stress. I fully endorse this program because joining the National Coastal Zone Management Program will help us to protect and manage our natural and cultural resources for present and future generations.

In December of 2010, I signed Executive Order 14 to establish a Coastal Program in Illinois which detailed program objectives, identified steps to enhance state agency coordination, outlined a conflict resolution process, and described federal consistency. The State of Illinois has reviewed and approved as state policy, the management program, and any changes thereto, submitted for your approval.

Illinois has the authorities necessary to implement the management of the program, and is organized to implement the management of the program. I have designated the Department of Natural Resources to receive and administer implementation grants. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency will also be assigned various tasks and responsibilities in accordance with their statutory authorities.

We have completed the public outreach requirement and have developed a program that meets the requirements of the Coastal Zone Management Act.

I am enthusiastic about our state's participation in the National CZM Program. We are committed to addressing the critical issues facing this world class coast, and we look forward to working in partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to protect it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Quinn".

Pat Quinn
Governor

Cc: David Kennedy, Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service
Donna Weiting, Acting Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management

